

Military Service - 50 points maximum per year, pro-rated for a partial year of service, for qualified military service that interrupts voluntary fire service. Qualified service means full-time extended obligatory military service or a single voluntary enlistment, not to exceed 4 years in the armed forces of the United States.

Collateral Duties - 25 points maximum: Each qualified activity for the LFRD that last at least 4 hours earns 1 point. For a list of Collateral Duties, please check the Division of Volunteer Services Quicklinks under LOSAP.

Are you receiving your proper incident response credits?

Are you in the station when an incident response comes in? Are you in the station when the unit returns? Even though you did not ride the unit, you are entitled to receive an incident response credit.

Only volunteers who are on the IECS list are eligible to receive incident response or sleep-in credits.

What is the appeal period for yearly certifications?

A volunteer has 30 days to appeal their LOSAP Certification once distributed.

How should volunteers annual physical time be counted?

Physicals can be counted toward collateral duty (4 hours = 1 point).

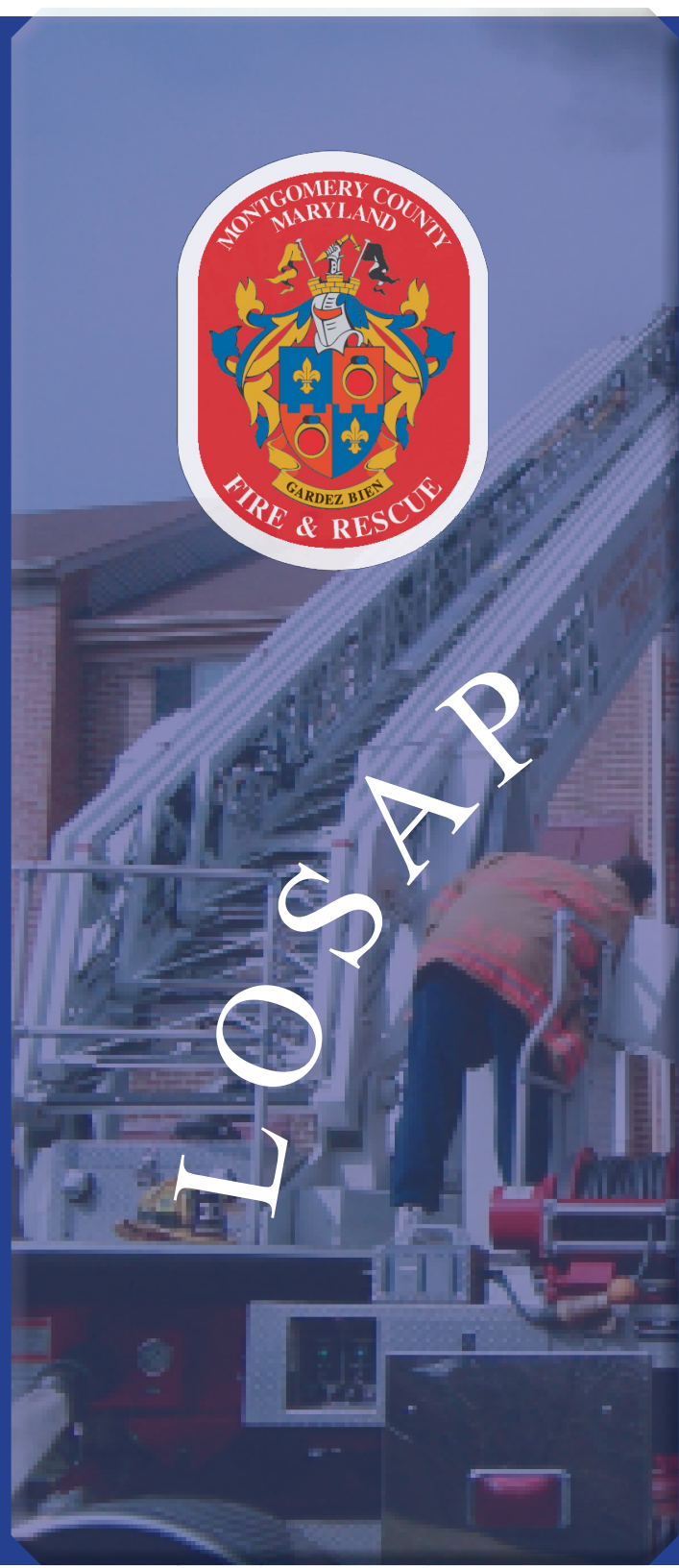
LOSAP Coordinators

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad -
Judy Lathers
Bethesda Fire Department - Virginia Miller
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Damascus VFD - Brian Rhodes
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Hillandale VFD - Kimberly Boswell
Hyattstown VFD - Peggy Webb
Kensington VFD - Lynn Tantardini
Laytonsville VFD - Marge Turnbow
Rockville VFD - Lisa Hinde
Sandy Spring VFD - Rodney Musgrove
Silver Spring VFD - Brooke Thompson
Takoma Park VFD - Rusty Willey
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Fire Chief Richard R. Bowers
Division Chief Wm. Alan Hinde
LOSAP Administrator Linda Dowdy



LOSAP



Definition

The Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire and Rescue Service Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) was enacted by County Council legislation on July 1, 1975 to recognize and reward those volunteer firefighters, rescuers, medical attendants, and administrative members who provided a sustained level of fire and rescue service to their Community. LOSAP offers financial benefits to volunteers through an accumulative point system and has proven to be a successful method for recruitment and retention of volunteers for the Local Fire and Rescue Departments.

Benefits

Death Benefit - A volunteer's surviving spouse or domestic partner (or estate if no spouse or partner survives), qualifies for a \$5000 death benefit if the volunteer has met either the years of service requirement for a length of service benefit, or the requirements for a disability benefit.

Survivor's Benefit - A volunteer's surviving spouse or domestic partner qualifies for a monthly award payment equal to 50 percent of the length of service benefit for which the volunteer met the minimum years of active service requirement, or 50 percent of the volunteer's disability benefit, until the spouse's death or remarriage, or the partner's death or establishment of another domestic partnership.

Eligibility

An "active" volunteer, as described in Montgomery County Code, Chapter 21; Section 21-21, dated March 2005, posted on the DOV's Quicklinks, "a local fire and rescue department volunteer who accumulates at least 50 points in a calendar year under the point system..."

Payment Schedule

10 years (age 65) \$9.20 per month for each year of active LOSAP service

10 Year.s.....\$ 92.00
11 Years.....\$101.20
12 Years.....\$110.40
13 Years.....\$119.60
14 Years.....\$128.80

15 years (age 60) \$9.20 per month for each year of active LOSAP service

15 Years.....\$138.00
16 Years.....\$147.20
17 Years.....\$156.40
18 Years.....\$165.60
19 Years.....\$174.80
20 Years.....\$184.00
21 Years.....\$193.20
22 Years.....\$202.40
23 Years.....\$211.60
24 Years.....\$220.80

25 Years (no minimum age) \$11.50 per month for each year of active LOSAP service

25 Years.....\$230.00
26 Years.....\$241.50
27 Years.....\$253.00
28 Years.....\$264.50
29 Years.....\$276.00
30 Years.....\$287.50
31 Years.....\$299.00
32 Years.....\$310.50
33 Years.....\$322.00
34 Years.....\$333.50
35 Years.....\$345.00

Point System

To qualify as an active volunteer, a volunteer accumulates points during each calendar year. The points are not transferable to another year. An individual must not receive points for any activity performed as a County employee.

Training Courses - 25 points maximum

- A. Courses lasting less than 20 hours earn 5 points
- B. Courses lasting 20 to 45 hours, earn 10 points
- C. Courses lasting more than 45 hours, earn 15 points per course.

Drills - 20 points maximum: Each drill lasting at least 2 hours earns 1 point.

Sleep-in or Stand-by - 20 points maximum. Sleep-in service earns 1 point for each full night. Standby service earns 1 point for each point of on-duty activity of the fire department or rescue squad that lasts for at least 4 hours and does not fall under another category.

Elected and Appointed Positions - 25 points maximum per calendar year for any combination of service in eligible and appointed positions as follows:

- A. 25 points for completing a one-year term in an eligible elected or appointed position; and
- B. 2 points for each full month of service in any eligible elected or appointed position during a term of less than one year.

Attendance at Meetings - 20 points maximum per year: Attendance earns 1 point for each official meeting of an organization listed in Executive Regulations.

Participation in Department or Station Responses - 30 points maximum for responding on at least the number of call per the table in Montgomery County Code, Chapter 21.